

REMARKS

The Office Action states that a certified copy of the priority document is required. However, since this application is a 371 national stage application, a certified copy is not required as this is provided by the international bureau. Applicants respectfully request the objection be withdrawn.

The drawings have been objected to in the Office Action. The drawings (Figs. 1 and 2) have been amended accordingly.

Claims 10-14 and 20-23 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Beshai; Claims 15-17 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Beshai in view of Oh; Claims 18-19 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over Beshai in view of Oh, further in view of Craddock. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Beshai discloses a method for transmitting data between a sending network node and a receiving network node. According to Fig. 26A and paragraph [0184] "an edge node 208 sends a request to a core node 312 for permission to transfer a data burst and waits until the permission is received. A reserved path remains idle until the edge node starts transmitting the burst."

According to the instant invention, on the other hand, the blocking time is received by the sending node while a first burst is transmitted. After the expiration of the blocking time, the second burst is transmitted immediately after the first burst. No time is therefore wasted.

Applicants therefore submit that this application is in condition for allowance. An indication of same is solicited. In the event any further matters requiring attention are

noted by Examiner, or in the event that prosecution of this application can otherwise be advanced thereby, a telephone call to Applicants' undersigned representative at the number shown below is invited.

Further, Applicants hereby petition for the Commissioner to charge any additional fees or any underpayment of fees which may be required for this Amendment and which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case at any time during prosecution, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 04-1061, referencing Attorney Docket No. 39090-65.

Respectfully submitted,

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